

HOUSE No. 53

Accompanying the twenty-third recommendation of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (House, No. 30). The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO UNCLAIMED PROPERTY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 15 of chapter 38 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by inserting after the words “a public administrator”, in line 7, the following
3 words:- or the state treasurer. The office of the chief medical examiner may dispose of property
4 that is not claimed by a public administrator or the state treasurer. The chief medical examiner,
5 with the approval of the secretary of public safety and security, may promulgate rules for the
6 disposal of such property. The chief medical examiner or his designee may destroy or arrange for
7 the destruction of all medications received unless such medications are required as evidence by
8 the district attorney.